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In the application of:

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For: PRINTER CAPABLE OF REFUSING
RECEIPT OF PRINTED MATERIALS
SENT FROM AN UNINTENDED
SOURCE (as amended)

Examiner: Douglas Q. Tran

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RESPONSE UNDER 37 CFR 1.111

Sir:

In response to the Action dated May 19, 2004, applicant respectfully requests reconsideration of this application in light of the following remarks.

REMARKS

Claims 1-34 are pending in the application.

The Examiner rejected claims 1-34 under 35 USC 103(a) as being unpatentable over the combination of Salgado U.S. Patent No. 5,777,882 and Hasegawa U.S. Patent No. 5,534,974. Applicant respectfully traverses this rejection.

The combination constructed by the Examiner is not the claimed invention, so the invention could not have been obvious, even in hindsight. The printer according to the invention of claim 1 first checks whether a sending source of a print job has been registered in memory,